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## Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Joe H. Cheng (SPE).

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Date of Interview: 23 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Omura et al. (US Patent No. 5,552,986), Mizutani (US Pub 2004/01225225 A1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The limitation of the speed and force of the brake pedal depression to equal or larger predetermined value were discussed. Applicant emphasis the speed of the brake pedal depression with respect to the predetermined value are based on the distance with respect to the time. However the examiner disagreed because Omura teaches sensing abrupt deceleration which can be interpreted as the limitation from the pedal stroke of Mizutani.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Joe H. Cheng/

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